

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 9-13 are indicated in the Action to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 6 and claims 3-6 have been canceled. Claim 1 as amended is believed to be allowable. Claims 2, 7, 8, and 14-21, which depend, directly or indirectly, on claim 1, are also believed to be allowable. It is noted that claims 2, 14, 18, 19 and 21 have been amended to delete the recitation of preferred ranges and that new claims 54-58, depending on claims 2, 14, 18, 19 and 21, respectively, and reciting the preferred ranges, have been added to the application. These claims are also believed to be allowable.

Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claims 9-13 are also allowable.

Claims 22, 23 and 26 have been canceled.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

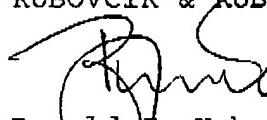
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In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,  
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